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## UPDATE: Hurricane Milton Emergency Resources And Declarations – As Of 11:30 AM

NAPLES, Fla. – Tonight, Hurricane Milton is projected to make landfall on the Gulf Coast of Florida as a major hurricane.

The office of Congressman Byron Donalds is closely monitoring Hurricane Milton and is actively coordinating storm preparations alongside federal, state, and local partners. The Congressman and his team stand ready to support our Southwest Florida community and ensure all necessary resources are available. Please see below for the latest emergency resources and declarations:

### Southwest Florida Formal Evacuation Declarations:

- **Collier County Zones A&B – DEADLINE PASSED**
  - [Collier County Evacuation Routes & Zones](#)
- **Lee County Zones A&B – DEADLINE PASSED**
  - [Lee County Evacuation Routes & Zones](#)
- **Fort Myers Beach – DEADLINE PASSED**
  - [Lee County Evacuation Routes & Zones](#)

### Southwest Florida Shelters Open To Public:

- **Collier County General Population Shelters (OPEN NOW):**
  - Gulf Coast High School (NOT Pet-Friendly) – [7878 Shark Way](#)
  - Immokalee High School (NOT Pet-Friendly) – [701 Immokalee Drive](#)
  - Golden Gate High School (NOT Pet-Friendly) – [2925 Titan Way](#)
  - Corkscrew Middle School (Pet-Friendly) – [1165 Oil Well Road](#)
  - Cypress Palm Middle School (Pet-Friendly) – [4255 18th Avenue NE](#)
  - Golden Gate Middle School (Pet-Friendly) – [2701 48th Terrace SW](#)
  - Immokalee Middle School (Pet-Friendly) – [401 9th Street](#)
  - Oakridge Middle School (Pet-Friendly) – [14975 Collier Boulevard](#)
- **Collier County Special Needs Shelter (OPEN NOW):**
  - Palmetto Ridge High School (Pet-Friendly) – 1655 Victory Lane
    - NOTE: For Registered Special Needs Clients and Caregivers.
- **Lee County General Population Shelters (OPEN NOW):**
  - Dunbar High School (Pet-Friendly) – [3800 Edison Avenue](#)
  - Estero Rec. Center (Pet-Friendly) – [9200 Corkscrew Palms Boulevard](#)
  - Island Coast High School (Pet-Friendly) – [2125 DeNavarra Parkway](#)
  - Hertz Arena (Pet-Friendly) – [11000 Everblades Parkway](#)
  - Gateway High School (Pet-Friendly) – [13820 Griffin Drive](#)
  - Oak Hammock Middle School (Pet-Friendly) – [5321 Tee Street](#)
  - Tortuga Elementary School (Pet-Friendly) – [1711 Gunnery Road N](#)
  - Treeline Elementary School (Pet-Friendly) – [10900 Treeline Avenue](#)
  - Varsity Lakes Middle School (Pet-Friendly) – [801 Gunnery Road N](#)
  - Alico Arena at FGCU (Pet-Friendly) – [12181 FGCU Lake Parkway E](#)
  - Harns Marsh Elementary School (Pet-Friendly) – [1800 Unice Avenue](#)
  - Harns Marsh Middle School (Pet-Friendly) – [1820 Unice Avenue](#)
  - East Lee Co. High School (Pet-Friendly) – [715 Thomas Sherwin Avenue](#)
- **Lee County Special Needs Shelter (OPEN NOW):**
  - Special Needs Shelter – [Pre-Register Here For Access](#)

### Emergency Hotlines:

- Emergency Medical Services – 911
- Collier County Emergency Hotline – [311 or \(239\) 252-8444](#)
- Collier County Emergency Management – [\(239\) 252-3600](#)
- Lee County Storm Hotline – [211](#)
- Lee County Emergency Management – [\(239\) 533-0622](#)
- Florida Price Gouging Hotline – [\(866\) 966-7226](#)
- Florida Division of Emergency Management – [\(850\) 815-4000](#)
- Office of Congressman Byron Donalds – [\(202\) 225-2536](#)

### Local Government Operations:

- Collier County Government – [CLOSED starting on Oct. 8th at 12:00 PM](#)
- Unincorporated Collier County Solid Waste Collection – [CLOSED Oct. 9th](#)
- Collier Area Transit Operations – [All Collier Area Transit fares will be waived until further notice and all service will be SUSPENDED starting on Oct. 9th](#)
- Collier County Sandbag Operations – [All operations have CONCLUDED](#)
- Lee County Government – [CLOSED starting on Oct. 7th at 12:00 PM](#)
- Lee County Solid Waste Collection – [SUSPENDED starting on Oct. 8th](#)
  - [Residents are asked not to place any additional waste to the curb.](#)
- LeeTran Operations – [Transportation is available to shelters. People can go to any LeeTran stop and advise the driver that they need to go to an open shelter. They will be taken to a transfer center and then to a shelter. LeeTran has suspended fares.](#)
- Lee County Tolls – [Tolls on Lee County bridges, the Cape Coral Parkway, Midpoint Bridge, and the Sanibel Causeway have been suspended.](#)

### School Closures:

- Collier County Public Schools – [CLOSED from Oct. 9th – Oct. 11th](#)
- School District of Lee County – [CLOSED from Oct. 9th – Oct. 11th](#)
- Florida Gulf Coast University – [CLOSED from Oct. 9th – Oct. 11th](#)
- Florida Southwestern State College – [CLOSED from Oct. 9th – Oct. 11th](#)

### Live Cameras:

- Fort Myers Live Cam – [View of Caloosahatchee River from Luminary Hotel](#)
- Fort Myers Beach Live Cam – [View of Fort Myers Beach from Margaritaville Beach Resort](#)

### Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) Operations:

- Wednesday, Oct. 9th – [CLOSED](#)
- Thursday, Oct. 10th – [CLOSED](#)
- Friday, Oct. 11th – [TBD](#)
- Rental Car Facilities – [CLOSED Wednesday, Oct. 9th & Thursday, Oct. 10th](#)
- Parking – [Parking garage is full.](#)
- REMINDER: [RSW is not a public shelter and the terminal building is closed.](#)

### State of Florida – Uber Partnership:

- The Florida Division of Emergency Management has [partnered with Uber](#) to provide Floridians free rides to shelters in counties under a state of emergency for Helene.
- [How to get a ride:](#)
  - Open the Uber app
  - Tap Account on the bottom right & tap Wallet
  - Add promo code HELENERELIEF Up to \$35 each way, to & from a state-approved shelter: <http://FloridaDisaster.org/shelter-status/>

### Life-Saving Satellite Tech Available On Your Phone:

- [See here for iPhone users.](#)
- [See here for Android users.](#)

### Attention Residents of Fort Myers Beach:

- LeeTran bus routes to Fort Myers Beach are currently [SUSPENDED](#).
- Lee County Utilities have [SUSPENDED](#) water service to Fort Myers Beach.
- 24 Hour General Curfew will go into effect at [10:00 PM TONIGHT](#).
- Your Hurricane Re-entry Pass [must be TEAL](#). – Old passes will not work.
- Once the storm passes, if you need assistance with re-entry, beginning at 7:00am on Thursday morning staff will be at two locations to hand out passes:
  - Target – [15880 San Carlos Boulevard Suite 101](#)
  - Ace Hardware – [18911 S. Tamiami Trail](#)
- Town Staff will be located at re-entry points to check for re-entry passes – [If you do not have one, you will not be allowed on Island.](#)

### Weather Updates:

- [Neighborhood-by-Neighborhood Storm Surge Breakdown](#)
- [WINK News Hurricane Milton Breakdown](#)
- [WINK News Landfall Projections – 9:30 AM Update](#)
- [List of NOAA-Affiliated Social Media Accounts](#)
- [National Hurricane Center – Hurricane Milton Live Updates](#)
- [National Hurricane Center – 11:00 AM Update](#)
- [National Hurricane Center Storm Surge Warnings – 11:00 AM Update](#)
- [National Hurricane Center Flash Flood Warnings – 8:00 AM Update](#)

### Other Emergency Resources:

- [Statewide List of Shelters Open to the Public](#)
- [Disaster Supply Kit Checklist](#)
- [Home Resiliency Checklist](#)
- [Collier County Sand and Empty Bag Stations Update](#)
- [FDOT Toll Suspensions](#)
- [Florida Public Radio Emergency Network](#)
- [Make a Plan for Your Pets](#)
- [Make a Plan for Your Livestock](#)
- [Statewide Public School Closure Information](#)
- [Statewide Evacuation Zone Information](#)
- [Generator Safety Information](#)
- [How to Find Fuel in Collier County](#)
- [How to Find Fuel in Lee County](#)
- [Register with FEMA](#)
- [Special Needs Registry Sign-Up](#)

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